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Re: New National Stage U.S. Patent Application based on  
PCT Application No. PCT/EP98/00162  
Control System for a Household Appliance  
Aisa  
Our Ref.: MERL0060US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 are:

- Copy of the specification for PCT International Application No. PCT/EP98/00162 as published by WIPO on July 16, 1998 under International Publication No. WO 98/30941, including drawings, with International Search Report;
- Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices, dated July 16, 1998;
- Information Concerning Elected Offices Notified of their Election, dated August 19, 1998
- Written Opinion from the International Preliminary Examination Authority dated September 17, 1998;
- Copy of letter from Applicant's attorney to the International Preliminary Examination Authority, with amended pages, dated February 16, 1999;

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- Copy of Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report dated April 26, 1999 with International Preliminary Examination Report and pages with amended claims;
- Preliminary Amendment based on International Publication No. WO 98/30941 as amended on February 16, 1999;
- Executed Inventor's Declaration;
- Assignment with cover sheet for recordal;
- Check No. 1709 in the amount of \$1,010.00 (\$970.00 for basic national fee and \$40.00 for recordal of the Assignment).

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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